

GRAUSTARK

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1968CI

"Fall 1901"

FRENCH TAKE MUNICH

ENGLAND (Grayson): F Norwegian Sea-Norway; A Edi-Bel; F North Sea C A Edi-Bel.

FRANCE (Clark): F Mid-Spa(s.c.); A Bur-Mun; A Gas-Mar;

GERMANY (Reiter): A Kie-Hol; A Ruh S ENGLISH A Edi-Bel; F Den holds.

ITALY (Prosnitz): A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tun; A Pie-Typ.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Tri-Ven; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): A Ukr-Gal; A Sev-Rum; F Bla S A Sev-Rum; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY (ver Ploeg): A Bul-Ank; F Ank-Con; A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (5)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Mun, Par, Spa. (5)
GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie. (4)
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)
RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

England, France, Austria-Hungary, and Russia may each build two units, and Germany, Italy, and Turkey may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 1969.

LONDON: One hundred slightly used (and quite satisfied-looking) Turkish concubines arrived here from Penzance, on the Cornwall coast. They were a gift from Sultan Yuk to King George, and had walked all the way from Constantinople to Dunkerque. There they were picked up by a pri-
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1968CL ("Graustark III") "Fall 1901"

AUSTRO-TURKISH ALLIANCE HITS RUSSIA

ENGLAND (Schelz): A Edi-Norway; F North Sea C A Edi-Norway; F Eng-Mid.

FRANCE (Ward): F Mid-Por; A Spa holds; A Pic-Bre.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): A Ruh-Bel; F Hol S A Ruh-Bel; A Kie-Den.

ITALY (Comber): A Ven-Tri; A Tyr S A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McLeod): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; A Tri-Ven.

RUSSIA (Manogg): F Bot-Swe; A St.P-Norway; A War-Ukr; F Rum-Sev.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian fleet in Rumania is annihilated, and the Austro-Hungarian army in Trieste must retreat to Vienna, Budapest, or Albania. The retreat is to be submitted with the "Winter 1901" builds, which may be made conditional on its direction. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)
GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (6)
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Vie. (4)
RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (4)
TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (5)
Germany may build 3 new units; France, Italy, and Turkey may each build two, and Austria-Hungary and Russia may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 1969.

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1967U

"Fall 1917"

RUSSIANS ENTER MUNICH

GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.P-Mos; A Ber-Sil; A Pru S A Ber-Sil; F Bal S A Pru; A Kie-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Bur-Mar; F Bot holds.

ITALY (Clark): A Liv-War; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; A Pie & A Ven S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; F Adr-Tri; F Tyr-Ion; F Apu & F Tun S F Tyr-Ion; A Nap-Rom.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Sil-Mun; A Mos-War; A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Boh S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; A Gal S RUSSIAN A Mos-War; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Sev-Mos; A Tri-Tyr; A Vie S A Tri-Tyr; A Ser-Tri; F Alb S A Ser-Tri; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre S F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol,	RUSSIA: Mos, Mun, Sev, War. (4)
Kie, Mar, Par, St.P, Swe. (10)	TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre,
ITALY: Bre, Liv, Lon, Nap, Nor,	Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Vie. (10)
Por, Spa, Tun, Rom, Ven. (10)	

Germany builds A Ber, Italy builds F Nap, and Russia builds A Sev. Turkey may also make one build; this build is to be submitted with the "Spring 1918" moves, and other players may make their moves conditional on the Turkish build. If the Turkish build is submitted early, the Gamesmaster will inform the other players. The deadline for "Spring 1918" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 1969. Late news: Turkey: F Smy.

BYZANTIUM: The War Ministry extends its gratitude to the Italian terrorists who destroyed the hopelessly useless Royal Barge in Apulia so that we could rebuild a vital force.

INQUIRING REPORTER: Is it true that Clark and M. Miller are both members of the Washington Science-Fiction Association?

1968CL - PRESS RELEASES

AUSTRIA to ITALY: That rather offensive (get the pun, gang? Haha) - looking move was just to keep you (heh-heh) "honest".

LONDON: It is hoped here that the Czar did not get into more than he could handle by precipitating a war on his northern front also. It is well known that the English King has been casting covetous eyes at the Norwegian shores.

LONDON: Heard on the radio, sung in unison - "We love you, France, oh yes we doooooo....."

PARIS: The Government of Premier Reynaud, after 16 hours of secret session, released the following communique regarding the incursion of the English Grand Fleet into the Channel.

"The Government of France must view with grave alarm the actions of the English fleet in entering the Channel. We feel that this action violates the Spirit, if not the letter, of the Accord of Dover, and must request its immediate retraction. Failure to accede to this request can have serious consequences for the future of Anglo-French relationships."

1968CH - PRESS RELEASE

LONDON (31 Dec. 1901): The Ninefold King announced his discovery that the Duchy of Hernia was the center of the Sinister Monolithic International Warmongers' Conspiracy, and ordered immediate measures to eradicate. The 27th Fleet is proceeding from Malta to bombard Hernia as soon as they can find it.

1968J

ENGLISH ADVANCES CONTINUE

"Spring 1908"

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Bal-Pru; F Liv S F Bal-Pru; A Mun holds; A Tyr & A Bur S A Mun; A Hol-Kie; F Kie-Den; F Lon-Eng; A Par-Gas; F Spa-LyO; F Wes S F Spa-Lyo; F Mid-North Africa; A Liv-Yor; A Edi-Norway; F North Sea C A Edi-Norway.

ITALY (Gemignani): No moves received. A Tyr, A Boh, F Tyr, & A Ser hold. F Ion dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): A War-Pru; A Sil S A War-Pru; A Bud-Gal; A Vie S A Tri; A Tri S A Vie; A Rum-Ukr; F Gre S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion.

TURKEY (White): F Aeg-Ion; A Sev-Mos; F Con & A Smy hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 1969. Edi Birsan, the first stand-by player, should submit "Fall 1908" moves for Italy.

MEMO FROM THE TURKISH ROCKET DEFENSE COMMAND: One of our rockets has gone out of control and we have been unable to explode it. We have tracked its course and we are sorry to advise that it should hit your home about three minutes after you receive this card..so read fast. Due to our economy drive we cannot phone you, and so we are doing the next best thing by sending this urgent warning by U. S. Mail. It would have helped if we had your Zip code, but unfortunately, we misplaced our Zip code book. This rocket is armed, so to make it brief - scram, hit the bricks, make tracks, get the hell out of there. If the rocket has already arrived, please disregard this communication.

1968CH

STRUGGLE FOR SEA POWER DEVELOPS

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Linden): Builds F Lon, F Edi.	ITALY (White): Builds F Rom.
FRANCE (Berman): Builds F Bre.	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): Builds
GERMANY (D. Johnston): Builds A Kie.	A Vie, A Bud.
	TURKEY (McLeod): Builds F Smy,
	F Con.

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vateer ship under the command of Richard Richards, and allowed at last to get off their feet. In fact, they were kept continuously off their feet for more than a week, which explains the delay in their arrival. Now, however, they are honored guests of the Court.

EDINBURGH: The Royal Liverpool Fusiliers, hearing of bloody doings on the Continent, are growing impatient. They are aware that they have been ordered to Brussels, but the troop transports are still awaited. "It's that ruler of the Queen's Navy we have...that Joseph Porter! He says all Britain proudly chants his praise: well, we don't! Why doesn't he get us transported to the action? What can you expect from a political appointee?"

OSLO: British fleets steamed into port today and raised King George's flag high over the rooftops. The Fjord Motor Works was immediately called upon to begin producing materiel for the British war effort, and the president, Henry Fjord, is reported to have said, "If you promise to put my picture on a postage stamp, we'll help you."

CONSTANTINOPLE (25 September 1901, SPP): Vice Sultan (known to his friends as - you guessed it - "In") Tolerable today voiced the first official view as to the origin of our beloved Sultan Yuk's family name. "Our Sultan, good-natured, kind, and benevolent as he is, certainly would not, I think, object to my telling you reporters of the Ancient Turkish Tale concerning the Yuk - a creature too low to kick and too wet to step on. In fact, he has told me many times how many times just how funny he considers the matter." (Nervous laughter filled the Press Room.) "I am rather taken aback that this was not common knowledge, but, as you know, I have spent the past few years in a dramatically unsuccessful attempt to win friends about the world."

HUE, INDO-CHINA (26 September 1901, SPP): Word has been received that Sultan Yuk is returning posthaste to Constantinople from his vacation resort of O Phuc, Vietnam. No reason was given for his abrupt departure, but he is rumored to have just read the Vice-Sultan's statement of 25 September.

CONSTANTINOPLE (30 September 1901, SPP): Word was today issued that a new Vice-Sultan has been appointed. The official communique listed several reasons for the change, but the new appointee's prime advantage over Vice-Sultan Tolerable seems to be that he is alive. Sultan Yuk promised a press conference within the week.

CONSTANTINOPLE (6 October 1901, SPP): Our beloved Sultan Yuk today held a press conference in which he discussed the recent change in his principal assistant. Some excerpts:

"Sultan Tolerable had little judgment as to what does and does not constitute public knowledge, and his tendency to refer to allies, even in his most expansive moments, as 'Butterfly-Brained Bovines' rather lowered his diplomatic effectiveness. It was also learned that Vice-Sultan Tolerable had further delegated the authority which I delegated to him - that of ordering around the assorted Riff-Raff that passes for our Armed Forces. It was bad enough to learn that a stable-boy was responsible for the idiocy of our maneuvers last Spring, but when I learned that number 94 Concubine, after partaking of about 3 pounds of the strange grass that I customarily bring with me from O Phuc, had then been allowed to dispatch this fall's orders to the troops, I had to finally draw the line. I fear that I have been too permissive."

Our honorable Sultan then departed for another relaxing evening with the harem, muttering: "Yuk Babes, you musn't let yourself be too distraught. After all, you are kind, generous, warm, witty, wise, and, above all - humble."

HYDUNDERABAD, INDIA: Maharajah Kamasutra IX, absolute monarch of this tiny Indian state, today offered political asylum to any refugees from the political crisis in Turkey. "This particularly includes the delicate lotus blossoms of Sultan Yuk's harem, who can find peace and tranquility in this land."

The Maharajah's statement was challenged from his secret camp in the hills by the rebel leader Pandit the Bandit, leader of the Peristaltic Movement. "Once the tyranny of the Maharajah is overthrown," he said, "Hydunderabad will be an oasis of liberty. Turkish refugees will be most welcome - particularly any harem girls who choose to join us."

1968CL - LATE PRESS RELEASE

VIENNA: The Austrian government regrets to announce that Russia's silence has provoked more drastic measures than letter-writing. Sometimes, the sword is mightier than the pen. (cliqué, cliqué!)

1968G

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"Spring 1908"

RUSSIA, ENGLAND INVADE EACH OTHER!

Russia submitted the "Fall 1907" retreat A Norway-St.P. The Games-master inadvertently neglected to print it in GRAUSTARK #172. All players were informed by mail.

ENGLAND (Walker): F Eng-Lon; F Norwegian Sea-Edi; F Norway-St.P(n.c.); F Bar S F Norway-St.P(n.c.); A Bur-Gas.

FRANCE (Gemignani): A Par-Bur; A Pic S A Par-Bur.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): A Arm-Rum; F Bla C A Arm-Rum; A Rum-Gal; A Bud S A Rum-Gal; A Mun & A Bel S FRENCH A Pic-Bur; A Ruh S A Mun; A Hol-Yor; F North Sea C A Hol-Yor; F Ska-Norway; A St.P & A Swe S F Ska-Norway; F Den S F North Sea.

TURKEY (Lebling): A Vie-Bud; A Tri S A Vie-Bud; F Con-Bla; A Ank-Arm; A Smy S A Ank-Arm; A Gre-Bul; F Aeg S A Gre-Bul; F Wes-Tyr; F Mid-Eng; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid; F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F Mar holds; A Tyr S ENGLISH A Bur-Mun.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Bud-Ser. The Russian army in St. Petersburg must retreat to either Finland, Livonia, or Moscow. The direction of this retreat is to be submitted with the "Fall 1908" moves. Other players may make their "Fall 1908" moves conditional on the direction of the Russian retreat. The deadline for "Fall 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 1969.

MOSCOW: The first Kamikaze squadron was dispatched to the North Country area today, to commence a discussion of peace terms with the British.

MANCHESTER: Conversation in the pubs today centered around the visit of the Russian military mission. By Jove, but old Winnie is deucedly stubborn, said one of the local patrons. Here our country is going down in flames, and he still insists on fighting on.

LONDON (24 February 1908): The cold snows of deepest winter hold the capital of Britain in a seemingly unbreakable icy grip. But the cold is only on the surface. In the great Throne Room of the Tower, things are quite warm. In fact, the Throne Globe is fairly seething, as King Huon XVIII, known as "Huon the Malignant" to His friends and close associates (they both agreed it was appropriate) is once again railing against His chief Minister, Colonel Sebastian Moran, Duke of Northumbria.

"You dare tell Me, you quivering mass of putrescent, This is pusillanimous, peeristic flesh, that there is a Russian fleet steaming off York?? In Home Waters?!?"

"Well, yesssss, Your Majesty..."

"We'll have your hide for this! It was humiliating enough to have to scuttle the Southern Fleet - but a Russian fleet in British waters is simply too much!!" The Throne Globe nearly rocked out of its supports, so violent was the temper of the King-Emperor (may he live forever, or at least until 1909). "You shall be boiled in Florida orange juice! You shall be flayed alive by a New York lawyer! You shall die listening to Conrad von Metzke sing!! You shall be fed to the Horibs! You shall be forced to mate with a Mahari!" Seethe, seethe, seethe.

"Your Majesty, it was only necessary, so that we could recover Norway. And soon your glorious legions will be burning and sacking St. Petersburg!"

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1968BD - TELEPHONE DIPLOMACY GAME (Gamesmaster - John Beshara)

"Fall 1907"

ENGLAND (Comber): A Liv-War; F North Sea-Norwegian Sea; F Den-North Sea; F Bal-Den; A St.P-Liv; A Norway-St.P; F Bar holds.

FRANCE (Komada): F Wes-Tyr; F Lyo S F Wes-Tyr; F Mid-Wes; F North Africa-Tun; F Pie & A Boh hold; A Mar S F Pie; A Tyr-Tri; A Pru & A Sil S ENGLISH A Liv-War.

ITALY (Berman): A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Tri; A Ser S TURKISH A Rum-Bud; F Tun holds; F Ion S F Tun; F Tus-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Bud S A Vie; A Vie & A Gal S A Bud.

RUSSIA (Linden): A Ukr-Rum; F Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A War-Gal.

TURKEY (Birsan): A Rum-Bud; A Alb S ITALIAN A Ven-Tri; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; F Aeg holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian army in Budapest is annihilated, and Russia retreats A War-Ukr. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Swe, St.P, War. (8) ITALY: Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven. (7)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa. (10) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Vie. (1)

The "Winter 1907" moves following this re-adjustment of supply centers are:

ENGLAND: Builds A Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Removes A Gal.

ITALY: Builds F Nap.

TURKEY: Builds A Smy.

"Spring 1908"

ENGLAND: F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; F Bar-Norwegian Sea; A War-Gal; A Liv-War; A St.P-Mos; A Edi-Den; F North Sea C A Edi-Den; F Den not ordered, holds.

FRANCE: A Pru-Ber; A Sil & A Boh S ENGLISH A War-Gal; F Pie-Tus; F Lyo & F Tyr S F Pie-Tus; A Tyr-Ven; A Mar-Pie; F Wes-Tun; F North Africa S F Wes-Tun.

ITALY: A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Pie; A Ser-Tri; F Tus-Rom; F Nap S F Tus-Tom; F Ion-Adr; F Tun-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie S FRENCH A Boh-Gal.

RUSSIA: F Sev holds; A Rum & A Ukr S TURKISH A Bud-Gal.

TURKEY: A Bud S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Gal; F Con-Bla; A Alb S ITALIAN A Ser-Tri; A Smy-Con; F Aeg S ITALIAN F Tun-Ion.

LONDON: His Majesty's Government wishes to extend to all peoples of Europe Our hope for an early peace and a happy New Year.

MOSCOW: The redcoats are coming!

"Fall 1908"

ENGLAND: A Gal S FRENCH A Boh-Vie; A War S A Gal; A Mos-Ukr; F Den-Bal; A Edi-Den; F North Sea C A Edi-Den; F North Atlantic-Mid; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic.

FRANCE: A Ber-Mun; A Sil S ENGLISH A Gal; A Boh-Vie; A Tyr-Ven; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Tus-Rom; F Tyr S F Tus-Rom; F North Africa holds; F Tun S F Tyr.

ITALY: A Tri S TURKISH A Bud-Vie; A Ser-Bud; A Ven-Tyr; F Rom holds; F Nap S F Rom;
F Ion-Apu; F Adr S TURKISH F Ion-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: No move received. A Vie dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA: A Rum-Gal; F Sev-Arm; A Ukr-Sev.

TURKEY: A Bud-Vie; A Alb S ITALIAN A Tri; F Aeg-Ion; F Bla S RUSSIAN A Ukr-Sev;
A Bul holds ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Con not ordered, holds.

THE High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mor., St.P, ITALY: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Ven. (7)
Swe, War. (8) RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, Sev. (3)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mar, TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy, Vie. (5)
Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (11)

Austria-Hungary is out of the game. France builds A Mar.

ROME to VIENNA: Happy Hanukkah, Gene!!!

ANKARA via CHRISTMAS ISLAND: Happy New Year, Gene!!!

MOSCOW: Tovarich!.

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"Oh? That sounds delightful. Perhaps We have been over-hasty.
Will there be rapine and pillage?"

"Yes, oh, rapacious one."

"Oh, goody, goody, goody. What about Tsar Yevgeniy?"

"We'll have the Mahars flay him if we catch him."

"No. Bring him here. We have other plans for so great a Prince as
the Tsar of All the Russias. Heh, heh, heh, heh, hehehehe, cackle!"

POLLUTIDAR: Speculation continues all over the Inner Crust as to
the identity of the future bride of Emperoar Honj the Horny. No offi-
cial word has yet come from the Inferial Palace, although a cave man
named Babl the Loquacious One was heard to speculate that the Emperoar
would marry the queen of the bearded women of Oog.

POLLUTIDAR: By order of the Emperoar, Babl the Loquacious One was
flogged, skinned alive, torn in pieces by four wild mastodons, and fed
to an albino zarith in the Inferial Zoo.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Mike Aita, sometime graduate student and Diplomacy player at Brook-
lyn College, now lives at 1204 Grey Ave., Utica, New York 13502. He is
interested in getting back into postal Diplomacy; Gamesmasters and pub-
lishers please note.

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George Grayson announces an across-the-board Diplomacy game for the
first six players to call him at 228-5821 (New York City). The game will
take place on the afternoon of Sunday 26 January 1969 at his home: Apt.
6-H, 649 E. 14th St. (Stuyvesant Town), New York, N. Y. 10009.

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Also interested in Diplomacy: Lewis Pulsipher, Route 3, Box 189,
Battle Creek, Mich. 49017.

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Department of Making Lunacy Legal: State Senator John Chandler of
New Hampshire has introduced a bill which would require every able-bodied
man in New Hampshire to own a gun. (New York Post, 7 January 1969.)

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2. Jim Sanders, Room 516, 611 W. 112th St., New York, N. Y. 10025
- 1968J - 1. Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th St., Long Island City, N. Y. 11104
2. David R. Lindsay, address above
- 1968CH - 1. Edi Birsan, address above.
2. David R. Lindsay, address above.
- 1968CI - 1. David R. Lindsay, address above.
2. Jim Sanders, address above.
- "Graustark III" - 1. Jim Sanders, address above.
2. Edi Birsan, address above.

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Jim Sanders, former publisher of Euralia, is resuming activity in Diplomacy and science-fiction fandom. He asks all Diplomacy players whom he owes money as the result of the folding of Euralia to write him at the above address. These losses will be made good.

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The Augustan Society can take heart at last. Although the institution of monarchy is in decline elsewhere in the world, the King of Nepal has asserted the ancient privileges of his crown.

The prestige of the Nepalese throne reached a low point in 1954, when King Tribhubana's plans to visit the United States were blocked. It seems that His Majesty planned to bring both his wives, and bigamists are not allowed entry under U. S. immigration laws. This upstart republic makes no exception even for kings.

Shortly afterwards King Tribhubana died, and was succeeded by his son King Mahendra. At first things looked no better for him. Mahendra was compelled to institute representative government, and by 1960 a Prime Minister was running the country. But, with the support of the United States government - presumably regretful over its treatment of his father - King Mahendra threw the Prime Minister and his cabinet into jail, and re-established a governmental structure under which the King ceased to be responsible to the people or to anything else.

These facts came out when Amnesty International tried to do something for the democratically elected politicians who are still in jail. Assistant Secretary of State William B. Macomber Jr. replied with this expression of support for King Mahendra:

"Nepal is moving forward at its own pace...The country's experiment with western parliamentary institutions led to problems of instability."

The hopes of some Augustans, of the establishment of a monarchy in this country, seem near realization. After all, people seem willing to make this same judgment about the United States of America.

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But elsewhere in the world, monarchs still have their problems. Queen Elizabeth II had two red carpets rolled out for her in London on 28 December 1968. The first one had been put on the wrong side of the civic officials who were to see her off for a holiday. The officials walked over the carpet, leaving muddy footprints. No heads were rolled -

only another carpet.

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Other members of a royal family also made their departure last month. Caudillo Franco shipped out of Spain all the members of the Bourbon-Parma, or Carlist, branch of the Capets. Franco has his own pet pretender, Don Juan, and is not looking for competition from the elderly Don Javier or his son Don Carlos Hugo. Owing to Don Javier's advanced age, Don Carlos Hugo is the chief Carlist activist.

Other Bourbon-Parmas given the bum's rush were Don Javier's wife and their two daughters.

Things aren't so good in the Juan branch of the family, either. Franco would like to pass over Don Juan, who has regrettably democratic inclinations, and give the throne to Juan's son Juan Carlos. Juan Carlos, 30, has let it be known that he will cheerfully shove his father out of the way if he gets a clear road to the throne.

If you're keeping count, Don Juan would be Juan III. Juan Carlos has his choice: he can be either Juan III or Carlos V. But the Carlists give this latter title to their founder, and regard his seed as Carlos VI and Carlos VII. Accordingly, Don Javier would be Javier I, while his son could be either Hugo I or Carlos VIII.

And things could get wilder. The Bourbon-Parmas are regarded by some French royalists as the true French heirs, and they also have a shirt-tail claim to the Jacobite inheritance.

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Other Spanish grandees aren't doing so well. The Duchess of Medina-Sidonia - present title-holder of the honors once borne by the incompetent commander of the Armada - is about to be thrown into prison for backing the damage claims of the Palomares villagers, who were showered with radioactive materials when a U. S. bomber scattered parts of a hydrogen bomb over them in 1966. The Duchess, who has been in the forefront of liberal and democratic agitation in Spain, is regarded as a traitor to her class by most of the other 1737 Spanish nobles.

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"It fell on a day, on a bonnie summer's day, when the sun shone bright and clearly,

That there fell out a great dispute atween Argyll and Airlie." These two Scottish noble houses, linked in a ballad dating from the Bishops' Wars, are back in the news. The British government is trying to retrench its military spending, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will be disbanded under this plan. Since the Duke of Argyll is Chief of Clan Campbell, every Campbell in the world is apparently backing a campaign to retain the Argylls. Recently a huge bundle of pro-Argyll petitions was submitted to Parliament - in 22 whiskey cartons!

The late 12th Earl of Airlie was also connected with a highland regiment. In 1945 he ordered a 600-man battalion of the Black Watch to remove their kilts. It seems that rumors had reached His Lordship that some Scots soldiers had so far deserted the traditions of the forebears as to wear undershorts beneath the kilts. Alas, he did find that several of the men were clad in "English unmentionables".

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Anna Chaikovskaya Anderson, long-time veteran of the pretender business, was in the news on 27 December 1968 when she married one of the few men who still believes that she is a surviving daughter of the last Russian Tsar, Nikolai the Worthless. Her new husband is Prof. John E. Manahan, who is 18 years her junior.

For most people, the definitive word on Anna Anderson's claims was pronounced over 35 years ago in the memoirs of the Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich, who would have been her uncle had her claims been valid. The Grand Duke said he could understand how her privations might have

caused her to forget things that the real Anastasia should have known, but that he failed to see how these misfortunes might cause her to speak Russian with a Polish accent.

No word on this latest development has been heard from Col. Goleniewski, a Polish emigre who claims to have been an agent of the Polish spy agency. When Goleniewski's revelations received a sympathetic hearing before a congressional committee, he escalated his claims, and now pretends to be Anastasia's brother, the Tsarevich Alexei and rightful Tsar of Russia!

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Latest news for the Augustan Society: By order of Generalissimo Gaudillo Francisco Franco, Don Juan Carlos was promoted from lieutenant to captain in the Spanish Army. Franco should act with care - look what happened to Wilhelm II when he put his heir apparent into his army!

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Possibly because they didn't include a king, the founders of the new nation of Grand Capri failed to establish their country on a reef off the Florida coast. Federal Judge Charles Fulton of Miami ruled out the efforts of Louis M. Ray to establish his new nation on the reef, 25 miles off the coast. Also involved was a Bahamian corporation which allegedly planned to get Grand Capri off on a sound financial footing by building a 250 million dollar casino there.

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